

IAMSLIC President's Welcome

INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the 38th IAMSLIC Conference in beautiful Anchorage, Alaska, USA. I would like to thank our local hosts, Daria Carle, Paula Johnson and Celia Rozen, the University of Alaska, Anchorage, the APU Consortium, and our IAMSLIC program and sponsorship committees, who all worked very hard and contributed hours and resources to give us a wonderful conference experience.

Our meeting theme was “Exploring New Frontiers in Aquatic Sciences Information Management,” and indeed we truly were in one of the great last frontiers of this continent, an incredible place for a meeting. We enjoyed and learned a lot from all of our presenters; many thanks to all of them and sincere appreciation to our invited guest speakers: Dr. Gunnar Knapp, Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage; Dr. Frank von Hippel, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alaska Anchorage; Dr. Henry Huntington, Science Director, Arctic Program, Pew Environment Group; and Dr. Leslie Cornick, Associate Professor of Marine Biology, Alaska Pacific University.

Over 50 members from 7 countries came together to enjoy Alaskan hospitality at this memorable IAMSLIC meeting. We discussed important issues, proposed changes for our committees and processes, and laid the groundwork for a new cooperative agreement with IODE, at our Executive and Business meetings. All in all, this 38th IAMSLIC meeting was a very informative and exciting meeting, where we revitalized our IAMSLIC interests and met, or renewed our friendships, with fellow members.

Last, and definitely not least, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our supporting sponsors: InterResearch, ProQuest, & Thomson Reuters, without whom we could not have had such a successful meeting, or learned so much from, and enjoyed the company of, their excellent representatives.